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U.N. Urges Sick PoWs Returned

THIS is the holiday season for most humans: Hanukkah begins tonight, it is Christmas eve tomorrow, and Russia as well as the people's democracies have celebrated the 72nd birthday of Generalissimo Josef Stalin. Hanukkah symbolizes national liberation, but it is also a fact that at this particular time of the year people everywhere, irrespective of creed and cultural heritage, are giving expression to belief that peace on earth can and should be restored. "Blessed are the peace makers" is said in many languages in churches, synagogues, mosques and party meetings and although considerable differences of opinion exist as to the interpretation of this commandment, even the cynics admit that a good war might be better than a bad war, especially if it is to be an atomic one.

British Impose Ismailia Curfew

TOKYO, Saturday (UPI).—With only five days left to settle major differences before the December 27 deadline, the U.N. cease-fire team at Panmunjom today urged an immediate exchange of sick and wounded prisoners of war, whether there is an armistice or not. The Communists agreed to consider the proposal.

There are about 7,000 Communist prisoners in U.N. hospitals who would qualify for repatriation under such an exchange. U.S. Admiral Libby did not know how many U.N. prisoners of war would qualify.

The U.N. disclosed today that they had deleted about 37,000 names from their records of Communist war prisoners before compiling the lists handed to the Communists at Panmunjom last Tuesday. This was in answer to a Communist charge that the lists were short of more than 40,000 names of prisoners already reported by the U.N. Command to the International Red Cross.

Prisoners Separated

Admiral Libby told the U.N. time for the preservation of world peace. Mr. Sebastian Haffner, considered one of the observers of the Washington scene and occasionally a mouth-piece of the State Department, wrote last week that 1952 will be the last year in which Russia could take the offensive in Europe with a good chance of advancing to the Atlantic coast. Time is on the side of the West," says Haffner, but the balance of power in Europe will have tipped in its favour only by the latter part of the year and therefore the West's statesmen will have to tread warily. The danger of blatant aggression by the East appears to be small, but strong enough to manoeuvre the West into a situation where it might have to fire the first shot as the only alternative to accepting humiliation and defeat, not unlike the situation in Berlin in 1945, when the West escaped by the narrowest of margins.

MOSCOW sees the main danger in the resumption of the Wehrmacht, and appears to be ready to compromise in order to prevent West German rearmament. After a very weak start Mr. Vyshinsky has made a statement which should not be belittled: He stated his country's willingness to join the new disarmament commission even if it is based on the Baruch plan. Similar concessions made by the West would perhaps bring about high level discussions between Moscow and Washington, which could probably reduce the danger of war at this critical period, even if an overall settlement appears to be out of question.

PREOCCUPIED as they are with current affairs, statesmen in both Moscow and Washington are not apt to disregard the lessons of history. Professor Jessup and his colleagues have written extensively on historical problems and Mr. Vyshinsky's academic background is not less impressive. Ideological considerations apart, it would not be a bad thing if other world statesmen knew as much about history as Generalissimo Stalin. The most obvious lesson of modern times has been, that war does not solve international problems, and many more difficult problems have been created by war than solved. Even apparently successful preventive wars have proved to be fatal undertakings. The object lesson that Hitler taught the world is still fresh in memory and as no new cases of amnesia have been reported among world statesmen since Rudolf Hess, it is hoped that the lesson has not been forgotten. Treading warily might not seem a very impressive policy to the fire eaters, but it appears to be the one way to prevent war. This and not fulminant gestures should serve to assure the real intentions of East and West.

PARIS, Saturday.—The U.N. last rejected Soviet charges that the U.S. committed aggression by authorizing \$100 million spent in organizing refugees from Communists into European military units.

The Soviet proposal, demanding the appropriation by branding an "act of aggression" and the U.S. Congress was asked to repeal it was defeated in the Political Committee by a vote of 30 to five, with 11 nations abstaining. Only Soviet bloc nations supported the move. The abstentions were largely Arab and Asian nations which had earlier refused to support the Western disarmament plan, and included Guatemala.

The rejection of the Soviet proposal was the last act of the U.N. General Assembly before the beginning of the ten-day Christmas recess.

(UPI, Reuter)

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VIENNA, Saturday (UPI).—Prague Radio said today that Mr. Jaromir Dolansky, a member of the Politbureau of the Czech Communist Party, has been appointed Deputy Prime Minister of Czechoslovakia, replacing Mr. Rudolph Slansky, who was arrested last month.

The Radio said that the appointment was made by President Gottwald, on the recommendation of Premier Antonin Zapotocky.

Jerusalem, Dec. 23.

British Release 42 Nazi War Criminals for Christmas

WESTPHALIA, Saturday (UPI).—The British authorities in Germany today released 42 war criminals from Westphalia prison here.

All 42 were serving sentences for crimes in connection with Nazi concentration camps. The release was part of a Christmas amnesty by all three Western occupation Allies to war criminals and convicts sentenced by occupation courts.

The British released nine women. The largest majority of the prisoners were former members of Heinrich Himmler's SS guard, who, among other things, ran the concentration camps. The release follows Britain's Government decision to count the time a prisoner spent in arrest before his trial as time served under sentence.

The decision is to apply to all British war prisoners now in Westphalia, including former Field Marshal Albert Kesselring and his lieutenants, and Vice-Marshal serving 12 years.

The British released 45 prisoners, including five major war criminals, last week-end. The U.S. High Commissioner

National Fuel Company Founded

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—The establishment of the Israel Fuel Corporation Ltd. was announced here by the Government tonight. The company, which has a subscribed and paid up capital of IL 650,000, half of it in foreign currency, is to take over the refining and distribution of part of the local consumption of petrol, kerosene, fuel oil, diesel oil and other commodities. At a later stage the company will also be used "to implement the Government's general oil policy in the fields of exploration and the exploitation of local oil resources," it was officially stated.

A British army spokesman said Sir George "expects Egyptian police to make the curfew effective," otherwise reserving the right to "make it effective himself." The curfew applies to areas along Mohammed Ali, Quay and south of the sweetwater canal.

The curfew does not apply to Egyptian army, police or employees of the Suez Canal Company.

Order Follows Shooting

The order followed the fatal shooting Thursday night by a British patrol of five Egyptians found digging up an unused pipe, 15 yards from the water filtration plant near Suez. The men were shot after they tried to escape by diving into the sweetwater canal.

A British train was delayed near Abu Sultan, south of Ismailia, where the head wagon was derailed by an iron bar on the track.

The Interior Ministry, in its statement, said shooting killed three Egyptians. It described the victims as peasants returning home from the fields when they met a British armoured car, the statement said.

It said the British opened fire, and the peasants attempted to save themselves by diving into the canal. The communists removed the bodies of the men recovered, but it is believed other corps are still lying in the canal.

A British spokesman also announced today that all cables connecting Ismailia with Port Said were cut last night near El Balah in the Canal Zone.

U.S. Egypt Talks On Gaza Strip

CAIRO, Saturday.—The U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Jefferson Caffery, today called upon the Acting Foreign Minister, Ibrahim Faraj Pasha, for the fifth time in two weeks. ANA reported that they discussed the future of the Gaza Strip, but no official comment on this subject was obtainable from British sources.

Faraj said that he could not commit himself on this subject, since he was not sure whether the proposed withdrawal of British troops from the Suez area to Gaza meant the complete withdrawal of the British from Egypt, the ANA report added.

(Reuter, UP)

Rumanian Minister Gives Credentials

HAKIRYA, Saturday (OTIM).—Rumania's Minister to Israel, M. Constantin Stanescu, presented his Letters of Credence to the Acting President, Mr. Y. Sprinzak, at the President's Office here yesterday. M. Stanescu said that he was pleased to represent his country in Israel, and asked Mr. Sprinzak to transmit to President Weizmann his good wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery.

The Minister was greeted at the entrance to the President's Office by a guard of honour and a military band. Present at the ceremony were Mr. Walter Ertan, Director General of the Foreign Ministry; Dr. M. Simon, Chief of Protocol; Mr. Y. Lev, Director of the East European Division of the Foreign Ministry; and Mr. Y. Kimche, of the President's Office.

Slansky Replaced By Dolansky as Deputy P.M.

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1952 Food Import Programme Drafted

The Ministry of Commerce has now completed drafting the 1952 food import programme, which was learned in Jerusalem yesterday.

The programme will soon be submitted to the Cabinet for final approval.

The programme is based on a population of over 1.5m. and uses the average nutrition level for the years 1950 and 1951—about 3,700 calories daily.

This programme will cover about 80 per cent of the country's food supplies, the balance to be covered by local production.

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New Steps Planned Against Ravages of Rain in Ma'barot

1,500 Evacuated From Two Flooded Quarters in Tel Aviv

800 Wood Huts for Petah Tikva; Rescue Work Round the Clock

The Prime Minister presided over an emergency meeting at his Tel Aviv home yesterday afternoon and evening in which steps to meet possible deterioration of the ma'barot situation if the heavy rains should resume were discussed.

Participating in the meeting were the Minister of Agriculture and Development; the Minister of Commerce and Industry; the Chief of Staff; the Deputy Chief of Staff; the Director General of the Prime Minister's Office; the Head of the Absorption Department of the Jewish Agency, and a representative of the Labour Ministry.

A Technical Committee to consider sources of materials and manpower needed for construction of huts for evacuees was formed and met at 6 o'clock, while the discussions with the Prime Minister proceeded.

Work is to begin immediately on the construction of 800 wooden huts in the Petah Tikva ma'barot. According to the Ministry of Labour this will be a "lightning operation." Quantities of canvas and 1,000 rolls of tarpaulin roofing sheets were unloaded from the R.A.F. aircraft and immediately distributed to critical spots.

Over 1,800 families and 1,800 children from 13 ma'barot had to be evacuated over the weekend because of the floods, the Jewish Agency announced yesterday. The evacuees were given shelter in public institutions, in neighbouring settlements or Army camps. The Army has detailed extra units to deal with the evacuation and all leave has been cancelled. Air force planes and helicopters dropped supplies to isolated settlements in the south.

The most seriously affected ma'barot are those of Petah Tikva, which is literally under water. Hiriyah and Sakia in the Tel Aviv area; Zarnutza in the Rehovot area and the Na'arot.

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Top priority for use of transport and communication services for the relief of ma'barot.

Following the orders issued by the Prime Minister, the Minister of Education announced that schools in the following localities would provide emergency accommodation for evacuees: Petah Tikva, Ramat Gan, Tel Aviv, Rehovot, Rishon Le Zion, Ness Ziona, and Magdil.

Supplies Maintained

Food distribution was maintained throughout the country and planes were put into effect to supply the isolated ma'barot.

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High waters flooded the road station there and the road between Benyamina and Pardes Hanna on Friday morning. The railway line to Haifa was flooded and the tracks undermined and broken.

Road and telephone communications between Hadera and Tel Aviv were interrupted yesterday and the rail link was cut all day. Traffic began to move between the towns over the Negev-Tel Aviv road.

The F.O.R. had to be sent to Hadera to reach Haifa yesterday because of the washed out roads.

The Eshkol and Dan bus companies announced tonight that all night services had been suspended due to bad weather conditions. Drivers from all bus companies volunteered for rescue work today, helping the Army to clear roads.

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IRAQ-JORDAN UNION PLANS WATCHED CLOSELY HERE

TONY Diplomatic Correspondent
BAGHDAD, Saturday.

The revised plans for a union between Iraq and Jordan, which have been reported from Amman, have been under close study here. The Government is constantly on the watch for evidence of developments of this kind, and therefore was not taken by surprise when the decisions attributed to the Jordan Parliament were made known.

The latest proposals appear to have been initiated by a small group in the Jordan Parliament, who called upon the Government to define its attitude to the question of union. Hitherto the Government has been very careful to evade such definitions. It is only in the source of the initiative that the present plan differs from the earlier proposals, which were mooted in the period between the assassination of King Abdullah and the holding of the last Jordan elections. The initiative in that case came wholly from Iraq, which lavished funds on a campaign designed to commit prospective members of Jordan's Parliament to support of the scheme of union.

It is obvious that developments of this kind will always be followed with the closest attention here. Any change in the status quo of the Middle East would affect every other state in the area whether directly concerned or not. Special attention is of course given to what is intended for Iraq in the various proposals, and notably in the recent. The fact that Iraq, who was active in the war against Israel, has now come forward with a proposal by putting its signature to an Armistice Agreement is not one that can be ignored. The prospect of union, regarded here as unpromising, but the intention to go ahead persists in influential circles, and more is likely to be heard of the plans.

Signs of Unease

The various plans for union or federation between two or more Arab states, which have

been put forward from time to time, are regarded here as symptoms of the disease which prevails throughout the Arab world. Whilst most of these schemes have their staunch supporters in all the three countries principally concerned—Syria, Jordan and Iraq—they have to reckon not only with internal opposition—such as that deriving, for example, from the strong republican sentiment in Syria—but also with opposition outside the states directly affected, yet within the Arab League. Egypt, for example, has never been reconciled to the idea of any such union or federation, which would be bound to decrease Egypt's relative advantages over each of the Arab states.

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Duke of Edinburgh Attends Synagogue

LONDON, Saturday.—For various objective reasons, fewer ships anchored in Tel Aviv Port this year than last. Mayor I. Rokach, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Marine Trust Ltd., which manages the Tel Aviv and Jaffa ports, told the annual meeting of the Board recently. While 304 ships stopped in Tel Aviv in 1950, there were only 197 in 1951.

In the past two years 355,000 and 307,000 tons respectively were handled in Tel Aviv port. Mr. Rokach, Chairman of the American stevedores strike and the preference of the shipping companies for Haifa's facilities were among the causes of the diminished traffic. The Jaffa anchorage suffers from lack of equipment and cannot be utilized to the full, he said.

The meeting approved the IL 141,479 balance sheet for 1950. Mr. Zvi Izaakon and Mr. Nahum Verlinski were reelected to the Board.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 407 M.; HAIFA: 349 M.; TEL AVIV: 419, 533 & 322 M.
NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1:30 & 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 6:30 p.m. "My Glorious Brothers" 11 P.M.
R.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: 10 a.m. Service, 6:30 Broadcasts, 6:45 Musical Clock (R.T.B.), 7:15 Oriental Music, R. Amar, 8:30 Close Down.
8:30 a.m. Greek Orthodox Services, 11:30 Masses, 12:30 Overture, 1:30 Concert Hall Overture, "Oboe" (Weber); Violin Concerto (Mendelssohn), 12:30 "Break of Day" (Gershwin), 1:30 "Hospitals," 1:45 "Saludos" (Gershwin), 1:45 "Housewives' Corner" 2:15 Close Down.
4:00 p.m. Programmes for Yom Kippur, 4:30 Musical Programmes, 4:45 Recital Series, 5:00 Farbenz, Alexander Shochen & Moshe Lotting, 4:45 Film Review, 5:15 Children's Hour, 7:00 Agricultural Corner, 7:45 Bible Readings, 8:00 Lighting of Hanukkah Candles, 8:30 Suddan Programmes, 8:45 "Kol Nidre" (Gershwin), Conductor: Hanan Schlesinger, Soloist: Nelly Picker, Overture: "The Macabees" (Rubinstein), Variations of "The Israel Chant" (Rubinstein), Selection of Hanukkah Songs (Schlesinger), 8:45 "The Citizen Wants to Know," 9:00 From "The World of Music," 10:00 Dance Music (R.T.B. Close Down).
IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (232 M.), 4:45 M., 6:30 P.M., French: 7:00 P.M., English: 7:30 (Niddah), 8:00 Hanukkah (R.T.B. M.), 8:15 P.M., 9:00 Lighting of the Lights.

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"A" humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum
D) Maximum
Barometric pressure in the morning gradually improving during the day.

20 immigrants, 60 of them blind and invalid, arrived here on Friday night in the s.s. *Gallia* from North Africa. Owing to the late hour of their arrival they were to remain aboard ship until this morning.

Yesterday was the shortest day of the year. The sun rose at 6:38 in the morning and set at 4:41 — a total of 10 hours and three minutes of daylight. The days will get progressively longer until June 22, which will have 10 hours and 15 minutes of daylight.

Haim Kishatoff was remanded for 15 days by the Tel Aviv Magistrate on Thursday evening. He faces charges of having forged documents from Mrs. Lily Lasser. He allegedly claimed to be an American tourist who could get sugar and sausages for her.

19 bags and two Turkeys were stolen in the Upper Bakar's quarter of Jerusalem on Friday night.

About IL 350 worth of damage was caused on Thursday evening by a four-year-old girl when she threw a burning match into a pile of linen at her mother's laundry in Bakar's quarter of Jerusalem. A female employee of the laundry, however, had the poor girl sent off for a certain period because they had violated the published restrictions on electricity use.

STONES, SHOTS FIRED AT QUARRY GUARD

A barrage of stones greeted Emil Pruhaska, 29, a watchman in the Jerusalem area, as he made his rounds at 9:15 Friday evening. He challenged the intruders who fired a shot at him. When he returned their fire, three more shots were sent at him, all of them missing. Police found three cartridges on the scene.

RABBINICAL COURTS LEGALITY QUESTIONED

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM) — The legal status of the Rabbinical Courts in Israel was questioned yesterday before District Court Judge Eli Zvi Baker, acting as chairman of the Execution Office here. The problem arose when Mrs. Esther Zilberman requested the Execution Office to enforce payment of the alimony due her by a Rabbinical Court decision.

Her former husband's advocate claimed that the Rabbinical Court, which had been nominated by the Ministry of Religious Affairs, was illegal, since the Ministry had no power to set up such courts. The alimony payment awarded by it could therefore not be enforced.

Mr. Baker decided to refer the case to the Attorney General for an advisory opinion since an important matter of principle was involved.

Memorial Meeting For Fania Melnick

"When I first heard about the loss of Batei Hanilot, I was actively opposed to it. I was afraid it would be something alien to what we wanted to build in this country, something akin to a convent." Mrs. Golda Myerson, the Minister of Labour, said at a memorial meeting at the Bet Hanilot in Jerusalem on the occasion of 30th day after the death of Mrs. Fania Melnick. Mrs. Melnick was for many years in charge of these girls' hostels in Israel. "I was wrong. The Bet Hanilot, and the girls who lived in them, became an organic part of the country. And that was due mostly to Fania Melnick," Mrs. Myerson said.

Born in Lithuania, Mrs. Melnick studied in Germany and received a Ph.D. in Political Economy. In the late twenties she was secretary to Mr. Berl Locker and a leader in the Moshav HaPoelot. Shortly after her arrival in Palestine — with a fluent knowledge of Hebrew — she became director of the first Bet Hanilot in the country — in Haifa — which was then the home of about 30 new immigrant girls.

There are now five Batei Hanilot in Israel, housing more than 1,200 girls newly arrived from all over the world.

Personal Notice

Dr. Josef and Miss Rosner
Golds and Ephraim

have pleasure in inviting their relatives, friends and acquaintances to the wedding ceremony of their children

Isaac Zidan (Pizi) Riva

The ceremony will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Reception until midnight.

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Please regard this as a personal invitation

Appeal for Voluntary First Hanukka Candle Tonight Germans Offer Olive Branches to Israel

The eight-day Hanukkah festival will start this evening with the kindling of the first of eight lights in homes, tents and synagogues in the capital and cities, settlements and moshavim from Dan to Eilat, as well as in Jewish communities worldwide.

The Festival, celebrating the redemption of the land from Syrian sovereignty and the rededication of the Temple in 162 B.C.E., will be heralded by the lighting this morning of the festival torch at the border village of Modi'in, home of the Hasmonene family.

Speaking on behalf of the committee, Mr. A. Singer, General Manager of the Jerusalem Electric and Public Service Corporation, told the press that unless power consumption dropped off soon the voluntary restrictions would be replaced by regularly scheduled interruptions in every quarter of the city. Reduced private consumption is necessary, he said, to permit adequate supplies for continuous industrial operations.

The over-worked equipment, which is in need of replacement, is able to produce about 10,500 kilowatts per hour. Because of breakdowns caused by the weather and various deficiencies, it was only generating 8,500 kilowatts hourly. It is hoped that with the arrival of a number of spare parts the company will be able to produce more than 10,500 kilowatts per hour by next March.

"Until then we will be able to operate without interruptions only if the public cooperates by reducing their consumption," Mr. Singer said. "If the public does not respond we will re-establish the interruptions by cutting off the supply to every section of the town at a time for a limited time for a length of time to be announced." He said that "dozens of individuals and offices, including those in the Government, had their power supply cut off for a certain period because they had violated the published restrictions on electricity use."

VATICAN CITY, Saturday (Reuters) — Cardinal Giovanni Piamta, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation, today broadcast a worldwide Christmas message over Vatican Radio to the world's refugees.

CARDINAL PIAZZA who is responsible for refugee and emigration affairs in the Vatican

urges refugees and immigrants to take strength from the fact that Christ once shared their lot.

"Aking shelter of people of another tongue and religion, an exile, a refugee persecuted, an immigrant like

me," he said. "The olive tree was chosen as a symbol because the olive nourishes a large part of the population of Palestine.

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THE WEEK IN THE KNESSET Working Overtime on Budget

By GERDA LUFT

THIS Knesset earned its Hanukkah holiday by working overtime last week. Only by prolonging sessions until Thursday and meeting from 11 a.m. until after midnight on Wednesday could the first reading of the budget be finished before it was transferred to Committee.

Members of the Finance Committee who began work on the budget even before the new year started, will have to forgo their holiday altogether, so that they can complete their work and voting can take place before January.

This state of affairs is an unusual situation that proposals have again been made to prolong the regular working week. When it is remembered that voting on this year's budget will leave the House, but a very short time before the next budget must be tackled — there are only three more months for the present budget — these proposals are highly topical. Nevertheless, it is by no means certain they will be accepted.

As predicted, the budget debate developed into an overall survey of economic policy. But while variety characterized the discussion, criticism being mixed with new proposals, debates on figures alternating with accusations against faulty administration, it is difficult to judge if the Knesset gave a lead to the Finance Committee or not.

Reform Plans Proposed

The final voting which transferred the budget to Committee found only Herut in opposition. But this obviously does not imply that the other factions outside the coalition were willing to back the Government's budget or its economic policy. On the contrary, it became evident during the debate that even within the coalition there are members who are not satisfied with the measures proposed by Mr. Kaplan.

That one of the front benchers of Mapai, Mr. Guvrin, came out with far-reaching plans for reform is a straw in the wind. His demand to draw an exact line between budget and taxation as they are to a large extent two sides of the same coin. It was natural that wider aspects of economic policy should invade this mean-cutting down experience for immigration and

MUSICAL DIARY

HAZEL Scott's gala farewell recital at the Edison in Jerusalem on Wednesday (in the presence of the Prime Minister) was a delightful event, after knowing this uncommonly attractive artist only from the screen. Of irresistible charm, Miss Scott is one of the most brilliant entertainers we have ever seen. She announced the second part of her programme, "Musical Comedy—Al bum: Swinging the Classics," with the words: "The three B's — Blues, Boogie Woogie and Pop." Her transcription of the famous "St. Louis Blues" was an evocation of "The Birth of the Blues" and what is jazz incarnate, stamp-rhythm.

The enchanting improvisation of Percy Grainger's "Country Gardens" was a delicate weaving. Well moulded was the paraphrase on Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess"; "I Got Plenty of Nuttin'" preceded by another Gershwin medley, with "I Got Rhythm," leading over to "The Man I Love," accompanied by wonderful crooning in French! and continuing with "Fascinating Rhythm," "Embraceable You," and "Wonderful." One couldn't expect more stimulating syncopation.

Then there were 35 minutes of Irving Berlin's "Annie Get Your Gun;" the seductive "Fallin' in Love is Wonderful" and with a gummy dexterity. There's New Business like Show-Business," a delight for orthodox believers in both formulae. The local composer Forshik had an ideal interpreter (in Hebrew) for his "Bab el Wad" and we have rarely listened to a more unobtrusive rendering of "Meine Yiddische Mamme" (in Yiddish).

Histadrut Orchestra

Marking "Histadrut Month" there was a celebration at the Edison on Tuesday, climaxed with a concert by the Histadrut orchestra, conducted for the first time by Dr. Tennen. A vivid and well-shaded performance of Bellini's "Norma" overture demonstrated the recent progress of this orchestra. Bissé's "L'Arlesiana" suite (No. 1 could have had more colour and

Starting on January 2, 1952, a course for beginners in Hebrew, restricted to English speaking students, will be conducted at the Kadima School, 74 Rehov Ben Yehuda, Tel Aviv. The group will meet twice weekly, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. (Adults)

Eden Seen Replacing Churchill As Leader

LONDON, Saturday (Reuters).

— The "New Statesman and Nation" declared yesterday that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, was quietly reversing his position of right-hand man to the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, and was gradually becoming leader himself.

The "Statesman," most widely read of the Britain's left-wing weekly reviews, said that seven years ago, when the two last travelled together as Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary, there was no doubt who was the boss.

In Paris this week, however, while Churchill gave the V-sign and took the salute of the Gaullist Republicans, it was the Foreign Secretary who led the serious discussions.

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A TRIBUTE TO DAVID YELLIN Jerusalem Teacher and City Father

By GAD FRUMKIN

David Yellin was one of the outstanding patriarchal figures of the old Yishuv. Son of an Ashkenazi father of Russian origin and a Sephardi mother from Baghdad, his personality combined the culture of the Russian Jew with the gentle courtesy of the Oriental.

He was not only a Hebrew scholar deeply rooted in old and new literature, but a master of diction and grammar, an example to others in the correct pronunciation of Hebrew. Nestness and exactitude were expressed in the exceptional beauty of his almost calligraphic handwriting. A versatile scholar in several fields of Semitics, he was an acknowledged authority in Arabic. Largely a self-taught man, he received his early education in the old Jerusalem Cheders and Yeshivot and rose to be Professor at the Hebrew University after a long and varied career of teaching. Beginning at the Alliance School in Jerusalem; then the Lemuil Schule; afterwards Assistant Principal at the Seminary of the Hilfsvaerden der Deutschen Jueden under Ephraim Cohen the creator of Hebrew education in Palestine; and finally, before his Professorship at the University, Principal of the Hebrew Teachers' College at Bet Hakerem.

Complicated Problem

This is partly, the result of a habit of discussing details only in committee. There are, moreover, not many people in the House who can deal with the complex problem of taxation with expert knowledge. The same members who take the floor in the economic discussion join the fight over taxation. They have a difficult job, because neither the administration nor the public have sufficient experience in this field and with time always short, errors are common. However, although criticism was widespread, the proposed reforms indicate that the Government has been listening to advice.

Some members tried to probe the problem of administrative machinery becoming top-heavy in relation to our resources. Mr. Bader, of Herut, revived his "Pakistan" coined during debates on the first budget more than two years ago, Mr. Guvrin also emphasized that we cannot afford a costly administration and there were others ready to back him up. Whether these trends will suffice to prune administrative expenses or not will be decided in Committee along with other specialized points.

Public Life

But David Yellin's career was not solely educational and academic. He took an active part in public life in cultural, administrative and political fields. His thorough command of Arabic and good relations with Arab neighbours qualified him for selection as representative of the Jewish community in the Jerusalem Municipality and the General District Council of the Turkish Government in

Jerusalem. Under the British Mandate, together with Aaron Eisenberg (the founder of Rehovot) and Chaim Kalvinsky (who devoted his life to the improvement of Jewish-Arab relations), he was appointed member of the Advisory Council which was set up by Sir Herbert Samuel, the first High Commissioner.

Prior to that he represented the Yishuv on its delegation to the Versailles Peace Conference, where, jointly with Eisenberg and Meir Dizengoff, the "Father" of Tel Aviv, he put forward with dignity the claims of the Jewish population of Palestine. He later represented Jewish interests on the Municipality of Jerusalem as City Councillor and Vice-President, while his value to the Yishuv as a whole was finally recognized with his nomination as President of the Vaad Leumi.

I had the privilege of knowing David Yellin from childhood; he was a friend and contemporary of my father, L.D. Frumkin, for 40 years editor and publisher of "Haavazet". When my parents left the Old City in 1906 for more modern quarters we were neighbours in Abyssinian street. Opposite us was the Berael School, just established by Professor Schatz. Our neighbourhood became the Jerusalem equivalent of the "Quartier Latin", for it was the centre for students of Bezalel and the nearby Hilfsverein Schools. The home of David Yellin and his energetic and hospitable wife, Eta, daughter of the Hebrew writer and thinker I.M. Pines, was a favourite meeting place for many young intellectuals, particularly those who came to Jerusalem from Jaffa and the colonies. This opportunity should not be allowed to pass without paying tribute to Mrs. Yellin, who was not only a source of advice and inspiration to her husband but earned honours and credit of her own in the many fields of her social activities.

Soon the new residential quarter of Zichron Moshe was built by the aid of the Sir Moses Montefiore Fund, which Yellin represented in Jerusalem, and he and my father both moved there.

Political Activities

We first engaged in common political activities when both he and I became members of the Socialist wing of the Young Turk Party, "Union of Progress," shortly after the overthrow of Sultan Abdul Hamid. Together with all the other nationalistic forces, except the heterogeneous Ottoman Empire, the Jewish population of Palestine, small as its numbers were, reacted at the change in the Turkish regime with hopes that under the Young Turks they would find more understanding for the claims of the Yishuv. They were encouraged in all sorts of festivities during the Revolution, and those few

Nevertheless, it is not unusual for a small percentage to return to their country of origin, but quite unusual to ask the Jewish Agency to pay their return expenses. I am positive that the remaining 95 per cent of the Indians happily settled in various parts of Israel will share my views that it was most unbecoming for this small group of misguided and disillusioned persons to abuse Mahatma Gandhi's principles.

On our arrival here, everyone had the option but was not compelled under any circumstances to join religious or non-religious settlements. Those who chose the latter have not encountered any hindrance to their religious observances.

However, collective living being entirely different from what many of us were accustomed to either in Nagpada or Umrabkhadi (Bombay's Jewish quarters) made many of us nostalgic. Consequently, a few left their own settlements and chose to settle in Beersheba and elsewhere, with one purpose — not to build an Indian Collective Settle-

Yours, etc.,
YOSEF BEN YAACOV
Kibbutz Afikim, December 10.

Pen Pals

I am 32 years old and still at school. I am interested in Zionism and belong to the Hebrew Movement in London. I am also interested in films, books, ballet, music, painting and sports. I would like a pen friend in Israel (preferably a boy). Josephine Fox, 169 Sandringham Rd., London E.8, England.

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